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"MY CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES (CHARGE, SOVIET AMBASSADOR) ARE AIMED AT STUDYING SUCH POSSIBILITIES," PIA REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER STATEMENT.

SUBANDRIO SAID INDO ATTITUDE ON CUBAN QUESTION WAS CLEAR, GOI BELIEVED EVERY COUNTRY MUST BE GIVEN RIGHT TO DEVELOP ITSELF ACCORDING TO ITS OWN CONCEPT. BUT WHAT LA NOW INVOLVED WAS "POSSIBILITY THAT PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SOVIET UNION, UNITED STATES MAY NOT BE AVOIDED. "IN SUCH A SITUATION IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO SEEK SETTLEMENT ON HIGH LEVEL, NAMELY BY WAY OF REALIZING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND US."

AS RESULT, SUKARNO NOW CONSIDERING WHAT MIGHT BE DONE IN "POSITIVE" WAY TO LESSEN TENSION.

CHARGE HAS BRIEFED SEVERAL INDO LEADERS, FOUND THEIR REACTION FRIENDLY, GENERALLY UNDERSTANDING.

IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST FOR OPINION, CHARGE SAID HE WAS SURE US WOULD WELCOME ANY ACTION WHICH ACHIEVED THAT RESULT.

ALL ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN BRIEFING CONTACTS AMONG LEADERS, OPINION MOLDERS ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT.

IN ALL CONVERSATIONS THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN PUTTING ACROSS POINT THAT US MEANS BUSINESS.

SOME, REPORTEDLY INCLUDING PRESIDENT SUKARNO, HAVE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RESULT OF US ACTION MAY IN LONG

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RUN PROVIDE BENEFIT TO WORLD BY BRINGING SOME SETTLEMENT OF BROADER ISSUES WITH SOVIETS. BY THIS SOME INDOS HAVE IN MIND SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN QUESTION AS PART OF OVER-ALL AGREEMENT.

SINCE DRAFTING FOREGOING HAVE RECEIVED DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM 498. EMBASSY TELEGRAM 744 DID NOT, OF COURSE, GIVE MORE THAN BARE OUTLINE OF POINTS MADE BY CHARGE IN HIS PRESENTATION, SINCE THESE BASED ON CLEAR GUIDELINES WITH WHICH DEPARTMENT THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR. DEPARMENT MAY REST ASSURED CHARGE LEFT NOTHING UNDONE TO IMPRESS ON SUBANDRI SERIOUSNESS OF OUR PURPOSE, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE UNDERSTANDS OUR ATTITUDE THOROUGHLY. LIKEWISE, IN DELIVERING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT SUKARNO, CHARGE HAD OPPORTUNITY BRIEFLY TO EMPHASIZE SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM. CHARGE WILL REEMPHASIZE OUR VIEWS TO SUBANDRI AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

ALSO IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY CHARGE, RELYING ON INFORMATION THEN AT HAND, ASSURED SUBANDRI THAT INDO EMBASSY WASHINGTON WOULD BE SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF WHICH CLEARLY ESTABLISHED FALSITY OF SOVIET, CUBAN STATEMENTS.

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